


# **DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police Blotter: Nov. 4-10**

*(K-9 Roscoe by Officer Josh Hudson)*

***Reminder for the week: Most hunters must wear hunter orange during firearms deer seasons***

**DOVER** – To achieve public compliance with laws and regulations through education and enforcement actions that help conserve Delaware's fish and wildlife resources and ensure safe boating and public safety, DNREC's Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers between Nov. 4-10 made 1,824 contacts with hunters, anglers, boaters, and the general public, issuing nine citations. Officers responded to 50 complaints regarding possible violations of laws and regulations or requests to assist the public. A Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police presence continued at the C&D Canal Conservation Area and Michael N. Castle Trail. 

## **Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police in the Community**

- On Nov. 7 and 10, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers discussed the role of Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers and reviewed safe hunting practices, hunting laws, and what to expect when checked by an officer in the field with attendees of a Hunter Education Class at the Little Creek Hunter Education Training Center.

## **Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police**

# Actions

Citations issued by category, with the number of charges in parentheses, included:

**Wildlife Conservation:** Trespassing to hunt (3), and hunting deer in archery season with weapon other than a bow (1).

**Fisheries Conservation:** *Recreational:* Crab pot tampering (1).

**Boating & Boating Safety:** Operating a vessel with insufficient number of life jackets (1), and failure to observe slow no wake (1).

**Other:** Trespassing after hours on a state wildlife area (2).

DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife recognizes and thanks the majority of anglers, hunters, and boaters who comply with and support Delaware's fishing, hunting, and boating laws and regulations. The Public are encouraged to report fish, wildlife, and boating violations to the Delaware Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police by calling 302-739-4580 or through the DENRP Tip app on a smartphone, which can be downloaded free of charge by searching "DENRP Tip" via the Google Play Store or the iTunes App Store. Wildlife violations may also be reported anonymously to Operation Game Theft by calling 800-292-3030, going online to <http://de.gov/ogt>, or using the DENRP Tip app. Verizon customers can connect to Operation Game Theft directly by dialing #OGT.

## ***Are you AWARE?***

Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police remind hunters that, except for waterfowl hunters, wearing hunter orange is required for safety during all firearms deer seasons. Firearm deer hunters, as well as bow hunters and small game hunters, are required to wear no less than a total of 400 square inches of hunter orange on their heads, chests, and backs combined during firearms deer seasons. Deer hunters concealed inside ground-level blinds also must place 400 square inches of

hunter orange within 10 feet outside of the blind and at least three feet off the ground during firearms deer seasons.

For more information on hunting in Delaware, click on [2019-2020 Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide](#). Wildlife area maps with area-specific regulations are available online at [Delaware Wildlife Area Maps](#). Printed copies of the Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide and the wildlife area maps are also available at the licensing desk in DNREC's Richardson & Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, or by calling the Wildlife Section office at 302-739-9912. The printed guide also is available from license agents throughout the state.

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